**SC/ST status to weak sub-castes of Muslims**

76. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the sub-castes among the Muslims are included as the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted a proposal to the Central Government for inclusion of some sub-castes of Muslims in the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(d) if so, the status as on date and the details of such castes which have been recommended for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) Muslims are not included in the list of Scheduled Castes. With regard to Scheduled Tribes, religion of a person is not a pre-requisite for identification of a Scheduled Tribes, but religion wise list of communities specified, as Scheduled Tribes is not maintained.

No proposal has been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh recently.

**Special Central Assistance for Scheduled Castes**

77. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the population of Scheduled Castes according to the 2001 census, State-wise/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the Special Central Assistance (SCA) provided by Government for Scheduled Castes during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that only 55 per cent of the allocated Special Central Assistance has been utilized by the States/UTs;

(d) if so, the details of utilization of SCA, State-wise and UT-wise;

(e) the reasons for such a low utilization; and

(f) the corrective action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN) : (a) A Statement (I) is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) A Statement (II) showing State-wise details of Special Central Assistance released during last three years is enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) No Sir.

(d) and (e) State-wise details of utilization of Special Central Assistance are given in Statement-II. (*See* below)

(f) The utilization of Special Central Assistance funds released to States/ UTs is monitored through Quarterly Progress Report and Annual Progress Report submitted by State Governments.

***Statement I***

*Statewise Scheduled Caste population*

| Sl. No. | State/UT | Scheduled Caste (SC) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | **India** | 166,635,700 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 12,339,496 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 6,188 |
| 3. | Assam | 1,825,949 |
| 4. | Bihar | 13,048,608 |
| 5. | Goa | 23,791 |
| 6. | Gujarat | 3,592,715 |
| 7. | Haryana | 4,091,110 |
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh | 1,502,170 |
| 9. | Jammu & Kashmir | 770,155 |
| 10. | Karnataka | 8,563,930 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 11. | Kerala | 3,123,941 |
| 12. | Madhya Pradesh | 9,155,177 |
| 13. | Maharashtra | 9,881,656 |
| 14. | Manipur | 60,037 |
| 15. | Meghalaya | 11,139 |
| 16. | Mizoram | 272 |
| 17. | Nagaland | 0 |
| 18. | Orissa | 6,082,063 |
| 19. | Punjab | 7,028,723 |
| 20. | Rajasthan | 9,694,462 |
| 21. | Sikkim | 27,165 |
| 22. | Tamil Nadu | 11,857,504 |
| 23. | Tripura | 555,724 |
| 24. | Uttar Pradesh | 35,148,377 |
| 25. | West Bengal | 18,452,555 |
| 26. | Chhatisgarh | 2,418,722 |
| 27. | Jharkhand | 3,189,320 |
| 28. | Uttaranchal | 1,517,186 |
| | **Union Territories** | |
| 29. | Andaman & Nicobar | 0 |
| 30. | Chandigarh | 157,597 |
| 31. | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 4,104 |
| 32. | Daman & Diu | 4,838 |
| 33. | Delhi | 2,343,255 |
| 34. | Lakshdweep Islands | 0 |
| 35. | Pondicherry | 157,771 |

***Statement II***

*Statement release and utilisation of Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes during the last three years*

(Rs. in lakhs)

| Sl. No. | States/UTs | 2002-2003 | | 2003-04 | | 2004-05 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Release | Utilisation (including out of unspent balance from previous years) | Release | Utilisation (including out of unspent balance from previous years) | Release | Utilisation (including out of unspent balance from previous years) |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 7216.48 | 6367.17 | 6222.90 | 5595.74 | 4362.72 | 2880.64 |
| 2. | Assam | 512.76 | 514.50 | 625.21 | 305.76 | 800.00 | 731.14 |
| 3. | Bihar | 0 | 0.00 | 933.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4. | Chattisgarh | 430.25 | 374.58 | 408.29 | 382.60 | 339.05 | 0.00 |
| 5. | Gujarat | 559.73 | 1398.79 | 644.46 | 996.88 | 705.82 | 552.87 |
| 6. | Goa | 0.00 | 0.32 | 0.00 | 0.59 | 0.00 | 0.05 |
| 7. | Haryana | 1098.19 | 856.22 | 1434.00 | 835.45 | 560.14 | 2074.51 |
| 8. | H.P. | 447.99 | 428.96 | 248.66 | 348.87 | 587.47 | 583.16 |
| 9. | J & K | 122.88 | 208.55 | 148.46 | 112.69 | 495.08 | 0.00 |
| 10. | Jharkhand | 0.00 | 564.18 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 11. | Karnataka | 2386.12 | 2386.12 | 2124.76 | 2124.76 | 2951.8 | 1417.16 |
| 12. | Kerala | 0.00 | 1189.16 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 13. | M.P. | 2598.12 | 2390.5 | 2955.43 | 3277.34 | 2506.90 | 3146.38 |
| 14. | Maharashtra | 1077.10 | 2906.02 | 1991.36 | 2881.63 | 2924.36 | 3638.68 |
| 15. | Manipur | 0.00 | 32.52 | 4.42 | 1.90 | 3.82 | 7.99 |
| 16. | Orissa | 1792.01 | 1795.82 | 779.30 | 745.63 | 345.70 | 728.64 |
| 17. | Punjab | 0.00 | 1289.85 | 680.03 | 380.28 | 0.00 | 89.62 |
| 18. | Rajasthan | 3422.90 | 4013.92 | 2984.25 | 3698.47 | 2366.68 | 3366.02 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19. | Sikkim | 42.21 | 42.20 | 1.12 | 34.76 | 15.44 | 0.00 |
| 20. | Tamil Nadu | 4500.71 | 4182.03 | 3800.74 | 5123.08 | 4327.89 | 6274.60 |
| 21. | Tripura | 176.91 | 124.80 | 76.80 | 178.91 | 1198.20 | 113.12 |
| 22. | U.P. | 10173.64 | 13417.92 | 7817.94 | 12372.55 | 9737.98 | 11642.39 |
| 23. | Uttranchal | 174.57 | 521.10 | 407.74 | 538.34 | 476.08 | 512.74 |
| 24. | West Bengal | 6640.50 | 6037.34 | 3994.68 | 3753.66 | 4672.27 | 2626.98 |
| 25. | Chandigarh | 25.00 | 12.50 | 12.50 | 3.13 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 26. | Delhi | 0.00 | 545.23 | 99.37 | 423.91 | 41.87 | 51.81 |
| 27. | Pondicherry | 5.81 | 5.81 | 3.13 | 3.13 | 7.35 | 0.00 |
| | TOTAL | 43403.88 | 51606.11 | 38398.55 | 44620.06 | 39426.62 | 40438.50 |

**Scholarships to OBC students**

†78. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided to the State Governments during the last academic year, State-wise for granting scholarship to the students of Other Backward Classes who continue their study after Matric;

(b) whether the above amount was not adequate for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to enhanced the funds sought by the States in this regard as also the funds allotted for the purpose during the current academic year, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) Statement showing funds provided under the Post Matric Scholarships scheme for OBC students is enclosed *See* below. The Budget allocation for 2004-2005 was Rs. 21.73 crores. By way of reappropriation, a sum of Rs. 24.66 crores was released. The demand from the State Governments was higher. Budget allocation for the current financial year is Rs. 23.40 crore. State-wise allocations are not provided for in the Scheme. The actual allocation depends on demand from the State Governments and the utilization funds.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.